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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOOSE

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1. FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE FIVE ARE NOW CONVERGING ON NEW YORK TO DEAL WITH LAST MINUTE PROBLEMS GENERATED BY SOUTH AFRICA AND SWAPO. (THE SECRETARY LEFT FOR NEW YORK AFTERNOON OF JULY 26.) SECURITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF THE WESTERN PROPOSAL IS NOW SCHEDULED FOR THE AFTER-NOON OF JULY 27.

2. THE DIFFICULTY WITH THE SAG STEMS FROM VORSTER'S EXPLOSIVE REACTION TO THE DRAFT RESOLUTION ON WALVIS BAY, SHOWN TO ECKSTEEN IN NEW YORK ON JULY 22. WE ARE REPEATING TEXT OF VORSTER'S JULY 23 LETTER TO THE FIVE TO YOU. ON
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JULY 24, SCOTT AND EDMONDSON DELIVERED AN AIDE-MEMOIRE (TEXT BEING REPEATED) TO BRAND FOURIE DETAILING OUR POSITION ON THE WALVIS BAY QUESTION AND STRESSING THAT WE HAD NOT "BROKEN FAITH" WITH THE SAG. ON JULY 25, THE SECRETARY TELEPHONED BOTHA TO GIVE ADDED EMPHASIS TO THE FIVE'S MESSAGE.

3. AS THE RESULT OF THESE ACTIONS, THERE HAS BEEN A CONSIDERABLE IMPROVEMENT IN THE ATMOSPHERE. BOTHA SAID JULY 25 THAT THE SAG WAS PUTTING "ON ICE" ITS EARLIER PLAN TO PUBLISH VORSTER'S LETTER. HE ALSO RESCHEDULED HIS TRIP TO NEW YORK, INITIALLY CANCELLED WHEN THE WALVIS BAY TEMPEST STRUCK. ON DEPARTURE, BOTHA TOLD THE PRESS: "WE RECEIVED A MESSAGE FROM THE BIG FIVE LATE ON MONDAY EVENING WHICH PLACED THE WHOLE SOUTH WEST AFRICAN SITUATION IN A SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT LIGHT." HE ADDED THAT "IN VIEW OF THIS MESSAGE AND OTHERS WE HAD RECEIVED" HE HAD TALKED WITH VORSTER AND HAD DECIDED IT WAS IN SOUTH AFRICA'S INTEREST FOR BOTHA TO GO TO THE UN.

4. BOTHA'S AIDE VAN HEERDEN TOLD US JULY 25 THAT WHILE WE WERE NOT YET OUT OF THE WOODS WITH THE SAG ON WALVIS BAY CONDITIONS HAD DEFINITELY IMPROVED AND HOPEFULLY WALVIS BAY WOULD BE SEEN IN RETROSPECT TO HAVE BEEN A MINOR ISSUE. WE HOPE HE IS RIGHT. BOTHA, FOURIE, VAN HEERDEN, AND VIAL (LEGAL EXPERT AND ADVISER TO JUDGE STEYN) WILL ARRIVE IN NEW YORK AFTERNOON OF JULY 26.

5. WHILE OUR PROBLEM WITH THE SAG WOULD NOW APPEAR TO BE MANAGEABLE, SAM NUJOMA, IN NEW YORK AFTER VISITS TO MOSCOW AND KHARTOUM, HAS BEEN CASTING DOUBT ON SWAPO'S ACCEPTANCE OF THE WESTERN PROPOSAL AND DRAFT CONFIDENTIAL

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WALVIS BAY RESOLUTION IN LUANDA. (FULL DETAILS ARE IN USUN 3011, BEING REPEATED.) IT IS UNCLEAR WHAT NUJOMA IS SEEKING TO ACCOMPLISH, ALTHOUGH IT IS OBVIOUS THAT HE RESENTS PRESSURES FROM THE FRONT LINE. (ACCORDING TO ONE ACCOUNT, THE ANGOLANS TOLD NUJOMA IN LUANDA THAT UNLESS HE AGREED TO THE WESTERN PROPOSAL SWAPO WOULD HAVE TO FIGHT ITS WAR OF LIBERATION FROM THE ATLANTIC OCEAN.)

6. WHETHER NUJOMA IS MERELY TREATING ANYONE WHO WILL LISTEN TO A FINAL ROUND OF BOMBAST OR IS SERIOUS ABOUT DEMANDING CHANGES, THE FRONT LINE ARE CONCERNED. SALIM (WHO IS REPORTEDLY "FURIOUS" WITH NUJOMA) HAS SENT AN SOS FOR MKAPA, WHO ARRIVES JULY 26. CHONA, HONWANA (AIDE TO MACHEL), AND PASCOAL LUVUALU, THE SENIOR MPLA OFFICIAL WHO WAS "MIDWIFE" AT THE LUANDA TALKS, ARE ALREADY IN NEW YORK. THEY WILL BE NEEDED.

7. LATEST WORD (1800 HRS JULY 26) IS THAT NUJOMA, AFTER DISCUSSIONS WITH THE FRONT LINE, IS "BACK ON THE RANCH." WE HOPE HE STAYS THERE.

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